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TO BE SIGNED FEB 12

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SUMMARY: GOS AND GOP FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL SIGN THREE
BILATERAL TREATIES IN MEETING FEB 12 BESIDES LAYING BASIS FOR
RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING MUTUAL PROBLEMS AND PROVISION OF
SOME SPANISH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR TOURIST INDUSTRY.
END SUMMARY.

1. FORMIN AREILZA TOLD ME FEB 10 THAT HE AND ANTUNES WOULD LAY
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BASIS FOR FULL NORMALIZATION OF MUTUAL RELATIONS IN THEIR

FEB 12 MEETING. AREILZA SAID THAT HE EXPECTED ANTUNES TO BRING UP POSSIBILITY OF SPANISH CREDITS TO HELP TIDE OVER GOP IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. MFA DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT AREILZA AND ANTUNES WOULD SIGN THREE TREATIES: (1) DELIMITATION OF CONTINENTAL SHELF, (2) DELIMITATION OF TERRITORIAL SEAS, AND (3) HYDROELECTRIC DAM CONSTRUCTION ON THE MINHO RIVER. LATTER AGREEMENT IS MERELY A COMPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT TO EARLIER TREATY ON MUTUAL EXPLOITATION OF RESOURCES OF FRONGIER RIVERS.

3. AGENDA ALSO CALLS FOR DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS ARISING FROM VARIOUS ACTIONS AGAINST SPANISH PROPERTY SINCE APRIL 25, 1974. MFA DESCRIBED FOUR TYPES: (1) EXPROPRIATION FOR WHICH INDEMNIFICATION IS OUTSTANDING, (2) GOVT INTERVENTION IN TWO SPANISH PLANTS, (3) ILLEGAL OCCUPANCY OF PROPERTY, AND (4) NON-PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING GOP OBLIGATIONS, E.G. GOS-FINANCED WATER PURIFICATION PLANT IN CABO VERDE. GOS HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN TRYING TO SETTLE THESE CLAIMS BUT SO FAR HAS HAD ONLY LIMITED SUCCESS. ACCORDING TO MFA DIRECTOR, THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCEDING TO THSMGOP REQUEST FOR CREDITS WILL HINGE A GREAT DEAL ON GOP FORTHCOMINGNESS ON THESE PROBLEMS. GOS IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGUESE TOURIST INDUSTRY INCLUDING INSERTION OF PORTUGUESE TRIPS IN TOUR OPERATORS' CONTRACTS.

4. GOS POLICY TOWARDS PORTUGAL REMAINS NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS WHICH IT EXPECTS TO BE RECIPROCATED. GOS REFUSED TO ISSUE VISA FEB 2 TO SPINOLA WHO WAS TURNED BACK AT FRENCH BORDER WHEN HE TRIED TO ENTER SPAIN. MFA DIRECTOR SAID THAT FORMIN ANTUNES HAS COMPLAINED TO SPANISH AMB IN LISBON ABOUT REPORTED PRESENCE IN SPAIN OF "CENTERS FOR TRAINING OF PORTUGUESE INSURGENTS". ANTUNES SAID THAT INFORMATION ON THESE CENTERS WAS RELAYED TO HIM THROUGH PORTUGUESE SECURITY SERVICES FROM "AMERICAN COLLEAGUES". EMBASSY OFFICER TOLD MFA DIRECTOR THAT HE DOUBTED THT US OFFICIALS HAD HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH SUCH REPORTS. MFA DIRECTOR SAID THAT PROVISION OF SUCH INFORMATION BY THIRD COUNTRIES WAS ONLY FURNISHING ANTUNES WITH AMMUNITION TO PUT PRESSURE ON GOS TO INTERFERE IN PRIVATE CONFIDENTIAL

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ACTIVITIES OF PORTUGUGUESE RESIDENTS IN SPAIN. MFA, HE SAID, HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR ACTIVITIES WHICH DID NOT MEAN THAT OTHER SPANISH GOVT BODIES HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THEM.

5. POLITICAL OUTLOOK IN PORTUGAL. SPANISH MFA PREFERS DEALING WITH ANTUNES AT THIS MOMENT BELIEVING THAT HIS REMOVAL, AS RUMORED, WOULD HAVE MEANT A TOO RAPID SHIFT TO THE RIGHT. MFA SEES SOARES AS EMERGING SOMEWHAT WEAKENED FROM NEW AFM-

PARTIES PACT BUT REMAINING AN INDISPENSABLE POLITICAL FIGURE,
ESPECIALLY IN DEALING WITH THE REST OF EUROPE. MFA BELIEVES
THAT ELECTORATE WILL SHIFT FROM SOCIALIST TO PPD AND CDS WITH
EACH ENDING UP ABOUT EQUAL IN VOTER PREFERENCES.

6. AREILZA TOLD ME THAT SPANISH AMBASSADOR WOULD BE
CHANGED IN NEAR FUTURE.
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